

In the Specification

On page 1, please insert below the title, the following new paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is filed under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §371 and claims the priority of International Patent Application No. PCT/US/2005/009548 filed on March 24, 2005, which in turn claims priority of US Provisional Application No. 60/558,349.

Page 4, lines 10 – 13:

The essential components in the dosage form are an active ingredient, (*i.e.* biologically active, therapeutic agent, ~~medicant~~, medicament, plant extract, vitamin, etc.) and a hydrated polymeric material, and one or more secondary ingredients, *i.e.* excipients, may be optionally added.

Page 5, lines 19 – 21:

Excipients are agents, ~~or other agents~~ that may enhance the physical properties of the composition to aid swallowing or preserve the activity of the active ingredient(s) and optionally may be included alone or in combinations.

Page 6, lines 6 – 8:

~~A device called a~~ A Texture Analyzer is then used to measure the weight in grams that is required to depress a standard AOAC plunger 4 millimeters into the gel.

Page 6, lines 13 – 15:

Other functional characteristics of gelatin can be summarized as follows: natural gelling, thickening, stabilizing, foaming, water binding, whipping, and emulsifying ~~and conservation agent~~.

Page 6, lines 21 – 22:

Polymeric ~~matrices~~ matrices (gelatin) can have two isoelectric points, depending on the method of preparation.

Page 8, lines 5 – 8:

The dosage form of the present invention can include medications to treat a variety of diseases, and ~~that~~ those skilled in the art of pharmaceuticals will appreciate that essentially any orally delivered active ingredient is suited for use with this invention.

Page 8, Lines 20 – 27:

Example 2. Ibuprofen Dosage Form

Gelatin	5 g
Water	30 ml
Ibuprofen	30 g
Excipients <u>Excipients</u> (flavoring agent, preservative, and anti-oxidant)	2g

The gelatin is dissolved in the water and the solution is heated at 40 - 50° C for 10 minutes. The ibuprofen and ~~excipients~~ excipients are mixed with the solution and the mixture is heated for another 5 min.

Page 8 staring at line 31 – page 9 ending at line 6:

Example 3. NCE Dosage Form

Gelatin	2 g
Water	50 ml
Active ingredient	3 g
Excipients <u>Excipients</u> (olfactory agent and preservative)	5 g

The gelatin is dissolved in the water and the solution is heated at 40 - 50° C for 10 minutes. The active ingredient may be any pharmaceutical agent amenable to oral administration. The active ingredient and ~~excipients~~ excipients are mixed with the solution and the mixture is heated for another 10 min.